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STRIKE NOW ON AMONG MILL MEN

Operatives Quit Work Yesterday in Large Numbers.

OPERATORS ARE DETERMINED Both Sides Are Standing Firm, and No Agreement Has Been Reached.

While the strike of the mill men, which went into effect yesterday, caused a rather heavy drainage on some of the woodworking shops, the general effect did not result in serious impairment of the business as a whole. The operators are confident that the men will return to work in a day or two, while the strikers declared yesterday that they would certainly not return to work under the present conditions. They are still open for a conference, for which their conference committee are still retained, but the mill owners are firm in their determination that they will not meet the committee as the representatives of an association, though they express a willingness to meet the men individually, or as a body from each shop.

It was reported at the headquarters of the mill men's union yesterday that all save four of the 225 men had gone out, and that they would remain out until some definite step towards a reconciliation was taken by the operators. It was said also that some of the men had already gone out of town and had secured jobs elsewhere, and that about twenty-five of the men had secured other positions here. Mr. J. N. Brown, secretary of the local union, said that all the men could go elsewhere and find employment, and that they did not fear a disastrous result to themselves from the strike.

The mill owners are organized, though they steadily refuse to meet the men as an association, saying that nothing can be gained from a conference. They say that they are satisfied with the conditions, and appear to expect that the men will come back to work.

Majority at Work.

The owners reported yesterday that of 241 men, mechanics and laborers employed in the nine large woodworking mills of the city, 124 men are out and 270 at work. In some places every man left, and in others nearly every man reported for work in the morning.

The firms that the strike hit the most heavily are the Whitehurst Company, the Montague Manufacturing Company, Joseph Heppert, the American Furniture and Fixture Company, the Francis Brothers and Sistering, Campbell and Davis. The other firms were not so seriously affected, as they employed more non-union men.

All the mill men reported for work in the morning, and answered to their names when the roll was called. After this they were told that no agreement had been reached between them and their employers, and they were consequently ordered out. There is no hard feeling between the employers and the employees, and it is said that some of the men expressed regret at the action they had taken.

There does not seem any present indication of a reconciliation, and the strike may last for some time. Whether the owners are in any way dependent on the operatives remains to be seen, though they do not appear to apprehend any serious loss of business and time. The

"COFFEE JAGS"

The Doctor Named Them Correctly.

Some one said "Coffee never hurts anyone." Enquire of your friends and note their experiences.

A Phila. woman says: "During the last 2 or 3 years I became subject to what the doctor called 'coffee jags' and felt like I have heard men say they feel who have drunk too much rum. It nauseated me, and I felt as though there was something but coffee flowing through my veins."

"Coffee agreed well enough for a time, but for a number of years I have known that it was doing me great harm, but, like the ram tortoise, I thought I could not get along without it. It made me nervous, disordered my digestion, destroyed my sleep and brought on frequent and very distressing headaches."

"When I got what the doctor called a 'coffee jag' on, I would give up drinking it for a few days till my stomach regained a little strength, but I was always fretful and nervous, and my ailments were able to resume the use of the drug."

"About a year ago I was persuaded to try Postum, but as I got it in restaurants it was nothing but a sloppy mess, sometimes cold, and always weak, and of course I didn't like it. Finally I prepared some myself at home, following the directions carefully, and found it delicious. I persevered in its use, quitting the old coffee entirely, and feeling better and better each day. Till I found at last, to my great joy, that my ailments had all disappeared and my longing for coffee had come to an end."

"I have heretofore suffered intensely from utter exhaustion, besides the other ailments and troubles, but this summer, using Postum, I have felt fine." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Restaurant cooks rarely prepare Postum Coffee properly. They do not let it boil long enough.

WILEST DEN POLICE HAVE YET KNOWN

Revolting Testimony of the Parents and Children in Armstrong Dive Case.

MEN FINED AND IMPRISONED

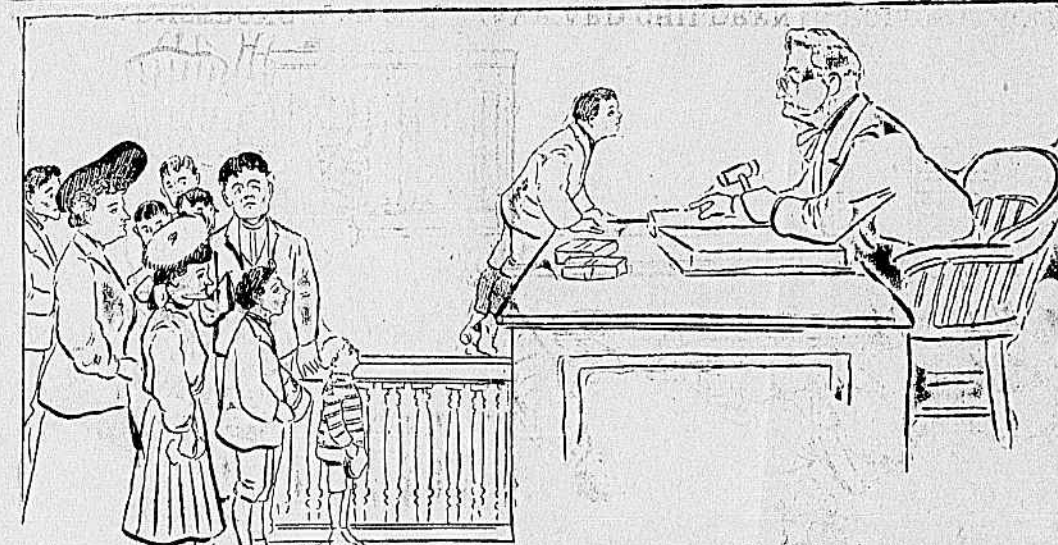
One-Legged Cocaine Fiend Will Spend Year Behind Bars. Children Dismissed.

For conducting a dive like of which the Richmond police have seldom had to deal with, a place where small boys were enticed to gamble, drink and eat poisonous drugs, and where young women were resorted, Mark Armstrong, a one-armed and one-legged white man, with his brother, Jack Armstrong, who admitted paying the rent for the house, No. 707 Church Street, was convicted in Police Court yesterday morning and each was fined \$20 and required to give security in the sum of \$500 for twelve months.

Twelve boys, four of whom were under twelve years of age, and the others ranging from fifteen to eighteen years, and two young women, one a married woman, and the other her fifteen-year-old sister, all found in the house when it was raided by Officers Jlaton Amos and W. G. Thurman Saturday night, were dismissed with a rebuke from the court. They were arrested on the technical charge of being disorderly.

The scene in Police Court yesterday, when the case was called, was one entirely new to the City Hall. Not even those who daily follow the proceedings in the court of Justice Crutchfield, who had been in the courtroom for some time, had ever seen such a pitiable sight as was presented when the young boys were lined up in a row by the side of the man who was charged with conducting a house where crime seemed to breed and thrive, and where the reputations and lives of many boys and girls were blasted.

Two boys, one eleven years old and the other one year his senior, had to be held up to the view of the court. They were stood on the shelf in the press box while Justice Crutchfield looked at them. Mothers of each child pleaded with the court to have the boys released, but they were told that their younger brothers were being led to their ruin because of the associations in the house; and fathers declared that their sons were beyond their control because of the influence for



MARK ARMSTRONG AND THE WAYWARD CHILDREN IN POLICE COURT

evil that Armstrong exhaled over them.

Complaint After Complaint.

Patrolman Amos was the first to go on the stand when the case was called. He testified that complaints after complaint had been made to the police station about the kind of house that Armstrong conducted. "We learned that boys and girls congregated there. Gambling, drinking and even worse things went on there and there was no real evidence at the time. Armstrong did live in South Laurel Street, No. 711. We drove him from this place and he went to No. 707 Church Street. Officer Thurman and myself went to this house Saturday night and found all of these children and there was evidence that a crap game had just ended. These two women were in the house at the time and were listening to the vilest kind of language."

"We placed the entire crowd under arrest and waited for the appearance of Mark Armstrong, who we knew, ran the place. He was tip-toeing drunk when he came to the house and while I was telephoning for the wagon and Officer Thurman was holding the door, he drank almost a quart of whiskey. Dr. Pitt had to throw him for this," testified the energetic bicycle policeman.

Officer Thurman corroborated what was said by his colleague, and Captain Hulce, of the Second District, told the court that the largest crowd he had ever seen in the house that Armstrong conducted. He had visited the neighborhood with Officer Amos and had instructed him to break up the dive.

Mrs. Blackburn, a woman of about fifty years, testified that she had gone to the house of Armstrong while he lived on Laurel Street and had found her son, Eddie Blackburn, drunk, in a bed. She had taken him home and had repeatedly refused Armstrong to come in. "He is being ruined and I can't keep him at home while this dive is in existence," the woman said. With a show of spirit the woman then exclaimed, "I would prefer that my son go to jail and exist there rather than have him go to this place."

Parents Testify.

Percy Napier, an eleven-year-old boy, whose mother lives at No. 722 South Laurel Street, was in the house. He said, between sobs, that he had gone there to see a boy. His mother knew of the bad reputation of the house, and could not talk understandingly until Justice Crutchfield pulled him up to his seat and asked him in a laughing way what he knew about the house. The boy had seen the largest crowd playing cards, dominoes and dice and had drunk some whiskey in the house.

Girl on Stand.

Dula Kenny, the fifteen-year-old girl, who went to the house with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Trewalla, testified that she went to see Mrs. Armstrong, the aged mother of Mark. She could not explain her reasons for her visits to the house and her sister was not put on the stand. They presented a horrible picture as they stood arrayed on the charges of being disorderly in a house, the proprietor of which was a convicted dope fiend and a man without any reputation.

And each one of the sisters, the mar-

ried one and the single one, have not as yet lost all trace of respectability. Mrs. Trewalla separated from her husband about seven months ago. Justice Crutchfield took the case under consideration for awhile and sent every one of the prisoners to the pen for more than half an hour. The twelve boys and the two girls, with the two Armstrongs, went to the cage in the rear of the courtroom and were held there until after court.

Mrs. Trewalla didn't want to accompany the officer to the pen and had to be taken to the pen by a policeman. After the docket had been finished Justice Crutchfield lectured each one of the boys and the women and sent them away.

The boys were Harry Lee, Percy Napier (mother of these is more than three feet tall), Claude Angel, Arthur Hicks, Charles Nazzapell, Harry Armstrong, Fred Barfoot, Robert Jones and Ed. McCullough, and the women, Fannie Trewalla and Dula Kenny.

MRS. BULLOCK COMING.

Lectures Before Local W. C. T. U. This Month.

A very interesting series of lectures will be delivered here next week by Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, of Elmhurst, New York, who comes under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of King William, Hanover and Hendrix. This tri-union organization, of which Mrs. G. M. Johnson is president, has been conducting at some church in the city, and is doing a good work.

Mrs. Bullock comes to Richmond direct from South Carolina, where she has been lecturing in the interest of temperance and has won much applause from all her audiences. She will arrive in the city on Saturday, and will leave the following Wednesday for Washington.

While here she will give three lectures, as follows:

Sunday, April 8th, at 8 P. M., at Marshall St. Christian Church, she will lecture on "Sowing and Reaping." Monday, April 9th, at 8 P. M., at the First Baptist Church, she will deliver her very inspiring talk on "Open Doors." Tuesday, April 10th, at 8 P. M., at Venable Street Baptist Church, she will address her audience on "The Old World and The New."

In this way an opportunity will be given every one to hear this delightful speaker. All interested in the cause of temperance are cordially invited.

BOUDAR'S REPORT.

Expert Accountant Will Lay Todd Matter Before Supervisors.

The most important matter which will come up before the monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors this morning at 11 o'clock will be the report of Expert Accountants H. B. Baudar and Son, agent the shortage they discovered in the accounts of late County Treasurer Walter J. Todd.

The allowance of claims and other similar matters will also come up before the body.

Mr. W. B. Fryer is the chairman of

FINE EARNINGS FOR FEBRUARY

President Smith, of Louisville and Nashville, Throws Himself a Bouquet.

PASSENGER SERVICE A LOSS

Interesting Paper, Showing That Freight Takes Care of Passenger Department.

Norfolk and Western and Louisville and Nashville have issued the following statements of earnings for February:

February gross, \$2,234,518; increase, \$491,685; February net, \$910,010; increase, \$29,685.

Louisville and Nashville earnings: February gross, 1905, \$4,422,502; 1906, \$2,774,510; 1904, \$3,119,028; 1903, \$2,777,683.

Expenses, 1905, \$2,510,238; 1906, \$1,928,711; 1904, \$2,077,774; 1903, \$1,890,901.

February net, 1905, \$2,510,238; 1906, \$1,928,711; 1904, \$1,066,154; 1903, \$910,572.

Eight months gross, 1905, \$28,265,175; 1906, \$25,910,139; 1904, \$23,354,443; 1903, \$23,128,511.

Expenses, 1905, \$14,358,544; 1906, \$17,438,339; 1904, \$15,320,744; 1903, \$16,497,877.

Eight months net, 1905, \$13,906,631; 1906, \$8,471,800; 1904, \$8,114,699; 1903, \$7,326,634.

Million H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville, says that the Louisville and Nashville is the greatest railroad system that ever developed Southern territory, and that there is no town worthy of the name which is not reached by the system of which he is the president. The latest in that within a short time the Louisville and Nashville will be running trains into Atlanta direct.

The Southern is making a survey of the mountainous country contiguous to its Nashville division, between Monterey and Harlan, Tenn., with a view to building a number of short lines into the coal fields of that district. The engineering staff has just completed a preliminary survey for a twenty-mile branch to extend from Crossville to a point on the Big Laurel River, passing through a section where the coal rights are owned by persons who have long desired railroad facilities, in order that they might develop their holdings.

H. A. Ford, superintendent at Gainesville, Fla., of the Atlantic Coast Line, has been appointed general superintendent of the system.

Mr. W. B. Fryer is the chairman of

Spring Hats

Spring Overcoats—Neckwear—Gloves and the advance styles of Spring Suits are ready for inspection—Children's Suits and Top Coats, too, are here in profusion. The right kinds at the right prices.

Gans-Rady Company

PREFER TO SELL TO MISS ARENTS

Council Passes Ordinance to Allow Her to Purchase Clark Spring Property.

GAS REPORT NEXT WEEK

Will Be Taken Up at Special Session Monday night—Carnegie Offer as to Library Referred.

The Common Council, at a protracted session last night, by a vote of twenty-five to three, adopted the ordinance to sell the Clark Spring property to Miss Grace E. Arents for \$25,000 for a playground for children. It goes now to the Board for concurrence.

The report of the gas investigating committee was fixed for a special session next Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Mayor McCarthy submitted the correspondence between himself and Mr. Andrew Carnegie as to the latter's offer of \$200,000 for a public library building, provided the city should contribute annually for its maintenance \$20,000, and the whole matter went to the Finance Committee.

Pollock presented a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on James River Improvement and Finance to look into the advisability of purchasing property along the river front for dock purposes.

Mr. Mills got through his ordinance providing that the city make and furnish boxes for the protection of trees along the streets, and he believes it is the beginning of a system which will add greatly to the beauty of the city and the comfort of the people.

A resolution was adopted for the issue of \$200,000 of bonds for various public improvements, including the High School building and the finishing of the gas holder.

An ordinance amending the law in relation to the speed of automobiles was adopted, leaving the limit at eight miles an hour under the present ordinance.

The Council referred the ordinance to discontinue the Third Market and convert the building into an armory for the Richmond Light Infantry Blues.

A great deal of routine business was disposed of.

Session in Detail.

President Peters called the body to order at 8:30 o'clock, and after roll call the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Mayor transmitted the annual reports of the various departments for the year 1905, and they were ordered printed. The Mayor called attention to the fact that the reports for the year 1904 are still in the hands of the printer. His Honor also sent the correspondence between himself and Mr. Andrew Carnegie on the subjects of the latter's offer to give the city \$200,000 for a public library building, provided the city should contribute annually \$20,000 for books and maintenance, and the papers were referred to the Committee on Finance. The Mayor called attention to the fact that Mr. Carnegie's original offer, made in the Mayor's office, and confirmed by a subsequent letter, had called for only \$100,000 for the building, but that now he was requiring \$200,000, or ten per cent. of the entire amount annually.

The city executive informed the Council that a vast amount of routine work in his office had delayed the preparation of his annual message, but that it would be forthcoming later.

The report of the Committee on Streets came up next, and resolutions directing much routine work to be done were adopted.

The resolution setting aside \$300 for tree boxes, to be made by the hands and efforts of the city, caused discussion. It was offered by Mr. Mills, and reported from the Street Committee.

Messrs. Mills, Grimes and Pollock spoke for the resolution, and it was adopted, though Mr. Pollock wished to send it to the Committee on Finance. It is estimated that the boxes to be thus furnished by the city for the protection of trees can be made at a cost of \$1 each.

Cars Must Wait for Passengers.

Permission was granted by the Council to various business houses to construct conduits and show windows, and the ordinance was adopted, the construction of Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad of a spur track was adopted.

An ordinance requiring street railway companies to hold their cars for transfer passengers at junction points, when such passengers have arrived at such junction points, was adopted without objection.

When the report of the Finance Committee was reached, the first item was that increasing the salary of the first clerk to \$5,000, from \$4,500, and the second clerk to \$4,000, from \$3,500.

The Finance Committee recommended that a number of minor propositions be rejected, and they all took this course. One was a petition from the school board for the purchase of street car tickets, for these officials.

The ordinance providing for the issue of \$200,000 of 4 per cent. 34 year bonds on July 1, was adopted. These bonds will be sold and the proceeds used as follows: \$135,000 to complete gas holders; \$60,000 for High School; \$25,000 for High School building; \$60,000 for High School building; and \$17,000 for rip-rapping the river by the Water Department.

This resolution, however, was not adopted until there had been a good deal of discussion. Mr. Pollard advocated it, and it was opposed by Mr. Miner, who objected to the item in relation to the issue of bonds, which he said should be paid out of the current revenues. The vote was: Ayes, 27; noes, 1.

Under suspension of the rules, Mr. Mills got through a resolution approv-

printing \$12 for the pay of temporary help in the water department.

The Grounds and Buildings Committee submitted a resolution allowing the lease of the Seabrook Warehouse for two years at \$1,250 per year, and it was agreed to. An ordinance was adopted, increasing the salary of the auditor from \$2,000 to \$2,400 per year, and one closing the scale-house at the Second Market and discontinuing public weighing there after July 1, 1906, took the same course.

Eight Miles the Limit.

An ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles and fixing it at eight miles an hour, caused debate. The present ordinance makes it eight miles an hour. Mr. Unlath moved to make the limit ten miles, and this was rejected.

Mr. Lynch moved to amend by making it twelve miles, so as to conform to the State law. Mr. Pollock was opposed to running over eight miles an hour, and said the machines were a great menace to the safety of the public. The Lynch amendment was rejected, and the ordinance was defeated.

The ordinance closing the Third Market, and converting it into an armory for the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, were recommended to the Committee on Finance and Grounds and Buildings, and was read by Mr. Unlath.

The proposition to sell the Clark Spring property by the city to Miss Grace E. Arents for \$25,000, came up on the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Finance and Grounds and Buildings, and was read by Mr. Unlath. Mr. White opposed the resolution, though he said he hesitated to do so on account of the great good being done by Miss Arents.

Easily Adopted.

Mr. White said it was out of all question to talk of having a public playground between two cemeteries, when sorrow-stricken ladies had often to go on tender and painful missions. He said further that the people were pleading with the Council not to dispose of this sacred spot for playground purposes. The speaker closed with a fine tribute to Miss Arents, but he appealed earnestly to the Council not to pass the ordinance.

Mr. Richardson moved to table and print, and said he was not now in a position to vote intelligently.

The motion to table was lost, and Mr. Davis favored the ordinance and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Atkinson, Watkins, Davis, Curtis, Dickerson, Donlevy, Garber, Gates, Smith, Grimes, Huber, Lea, Lynch, Masurier, Mills, Miner, Morton, Pollard, Pollock, Spence, Richardson, Unlath, Williams, Woodhill and Woodburn—25.

Noes—Messrs. Peters, Hobson and White—3.

Ordinance Tabled.

The ordinance providing for three street collectors for delinquent taxes was called up and supported by Mr. Woodburn in a strong statement. It caused a good deal of discussion, Mr. Pollock taking strong ground, declaring that it was a \$12,000 annual addition to the city. It was finally tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Spence offered an ordinance allowing the fire department to purchase a lot for Engine Company No. 4, and it went to the Committee on Finance and Grounds and Buildings.

Mr. Pollock presented an ordinance for a bond issue of \$108,000 to meet those coming due in July, and it was also referred.

The following was offered by Mr. Pollock and adopted:

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Richmond, that the Committee on Improvement of James River be, and they are, hereby directed to look into the feasibility of acquiring all that property lying and being in the city of Richmond south of a water race and between Gillie's Creek and the property of the Richmond Cedar Works for dock purposes.

Mr. Morton, from the special Committee on the Investigation of the Gas Department, moved that the report of its committee be laid on the table for a meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Donlevy called up his ordinance, fixing a license tax upon electricians, and it was adopted.

TRUE BILLS FOUND.

Grand Jury Brings in Quite a List of Indictments.

The April term of the Hustings Court opened yesterday. The grand jury brought in its report and the cases will all be set to-day for the term. Following is a list of the true bills found by the grand jury:

Lizzie Williams and Fannie White, for infanticide; Dallas Tinsley, for assault; Leroy Tabb, four indictments for forgery; John McGraw, for housebreaking; Isabella Morton, for housebreaking; Harry Lee, for housebreaking; C. A. Becker and Harry Northington, for larceny; George H. Wade, for assault; Hampton Young, alias Peter Jackson, for obtaining money under false pretenses; Leslie Jones, for assault; and Charles W. Glenn, for desertion of his wife.

CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

Negro Boy Comes in Health Office and Says He Has Smallpox.

A negro boy named Charles Hill, who lives at No. 713 North Second Street, created great commotion in the office of the Health Department yesterday morning, by entering and declaring that he had a case of smallpox. An old lady from Church Hill was in the office at the time, and she ran out at once and made her way home as speedily as possible.

The negro was examined and sent at once to the pest house. He said he had been suffering for several days, and reported to the health office as soon as he learned the nature of his trouble.

His Fine Was Remitted.

Two appeal cases came up before Judge Scott, of the Henrico county Circuit Court, yesterday, the court sustaining the previous judgment in one case and acquitting the defendant in the other. The case of Johnson was one before Squire Myer Angle for selling liquor without license at a celebration in Antioch Hall. The negro appealed, and on affirming his case before the superior court the evidence was such that the fine was remitted.